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CALIFORNIA LEADS IN FEDERAL TAXES

Analysis of the preliminary statement recently issued by the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington showing collections made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, indicates that California still maintains a leading place among the 48 states of the Union so far as the payment of Federal taxes is concerned.

Total Internal Revenue Collections made in California during the last fiscal year were \$139,488,418.25.

Total Internal Revenue Collections made during the previous year were \$135,060,004.93.

This represents an increase of nearly 4 1/2 million dollars, or over 3%, and indicates that the net income of the citizens of California during the past year was the greatest in the history of the state, which now ranks seventh in population according to the estimate of the Bureau of Census.

Here are some of the high lights as shown by the statement:

Ranks third in the issue of capital stock and Bonds of Indebtedness. \$1,543,792,100 worth of such securities were issued during the year.

California ranks fourth in amount of individual incomes taxes collected—amount was \$51,400,718.84. This is \$11.90 for every man, woman and child in the state.

This is the best investment made by any citizen of California when consideration is given to what he received from the Federal Government, i. e.—

Protection of life and property by the Army and Navy at home and abroad.

Protection of National Banking System.

Payment of interest on National Debt.

Post Office service.

Preservation of national resources.

Custom House service.

Coast Guard service.

Maintenance Diplomatic service abroad.

Guarding public health through quarantine regulations.

The above are only a few of the many services rendered by the Federal Government.

Ranks fourth in taxes collected on admissions to places of amusement where the admission charged is 75c or over. Total tax collected \$1,357,746.30. This means that the people of California spent \$13,577,463 for theater tickets during the last fiscal year costing more than 75c each. Tickets sold costing less than 75c each, probably totaled another \$13,000,000.

Through the recommendation of Internal Revenue Collector, Galen H. Welch, there was refunded to the taxpayers of Southern California during the past year \$1,500,000.00, while there was abated during the year \$4,118,000.00. These abatements have benefited thou-

sands of taxpayers.

California was fifth among the forty-eight states of the Union, in the transfer of stock certificates. During the past year the residents of the state sold certificates of stock valued at \$928,330,500.00. This does not include the original issue.

California is fifth in the manufacture of cigarettes. Although far from the great tobacco growing centers of the United States, 3,443,910,620 cigarettes were manufactured within the state during the past year. In the entire United States 92,985,586,782 cigarettes were manufactured or 775 cigarettes per person.

California ranked sixth in the collection of income taxes including both individual and corporation taxes, amounting to \$112,308,807.92.

Touring California

Travel Notes of Interest and Western Highway Information—Furnished by the National Automobile Club

A short week-end trip of rare scenic beauty and historic interest is the one from Los Angeles over the paved Ridge route with its grades all less than seven per cent and its curves now widely rounded, to the site of old Fort Tejon, 89 miles distant, according to information received from the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. Now only crumbling adobe ruins and one fairly complete building of the former barracks, this was once the headquarters of the famous Indian fighter and soldier, Gen. John C. Fremont. The site of the old fort is in a grassy, bowl-shaped valley in the heart of the hills, shaded by great oaks. This fort was built in 1852 and for more than ten years was an army post of some importance, enjoying the unique reputation of being the only Southern California army post where snow fell. It was for a time one of the stations on the famous Butterfield Overland Mail route, whose six-horse stages covered the distance between San Francisco and St. Louis in twenty-three days. Defending the important pass through the mountains, this fort was for ten years a bulwark against the depredations of the hostile Indians and many indications are to be found that the soldiery of Fort Tejon had an ample share of Indian warfare. An ancient battlefield a few miles north of the fort and within fifteen miles of Bakersfield, on a long, straight stretch, is one of the landmarks which reveals the former life of activity and constant watchfulness in the protection of the new frontier.

A visit to Los Angeles is hardly complete without a visit to the city's oldest surviving landmark, The Church of Our Lady Queen of the Angels, located on the west side of North Main Street, facing the Plaza, according to information received from the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. It is open daily to visitors and the entrance as via the north door, reached through an outer court or garden. The first chapel was a small adobe structure erected in 1781 near the southeast corner of Bellevue Street and North Broadway. In 1812 plans for a larger building were approved and the cornerstone was laid August 15, 1814 on a site somewhere east of the old Plaza. In the great flood of 1815, the river left its channel and rose so near to the lower side of the Plaza that a new site was chosen on higher ground and the present church was begun in 1818. The church was dedicated December 8, 1822 and is unique among the early Spanish chapels in having been in part constructed by an American, Joseph Chapman, who came to California with Bouchard, the French privateer, when the latter descended upon Santa Barbara in 1818.

In 1855, a period of unprecedented rain did great damage to many buildings and the adobe front of the church tumbled to the street in an impassible heap. When restored in 1861 the church was remodelled and largely rebuilt from the old material. The tiled roof was replaced with shingles, the tower altered, the grounds enclosed and planted with trees and the old adobe parish house replaced by a brick structure. The church was again restored in 1912 and the present memorial windows installed. The seating capacity is 500. On the street facade, over the entrance are three stone tablets with Spanish inscriptions and at the right of the north door is a tablet commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the erection of the church. The interior contains a few old Spanish paintings and statues of saints.

A short week-end trip of scenic interest is the one from Los Angeles to Lebec, 80 miles, according to information received from the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. The pavement is followed through San Fernando Valley via Glendale, Burbank, and San Fernando to Saugus or via Hollywood, Calhoun Pass, Lankershim, etc., to Saugus. From Saugus a paved road is had over the Ridge Road, the curves of which have been widened, providing very fair traveling conditions, and vistas of unusual beauty are had at each turn. The name "Lebec" commemorates the Peter Lebec, a French voyageur and trapper who was killed in 1837 under a tree near Fort Tejon by a grizzly bear that he had shot and wounded. He was buried beneath the tree by his companions who carved a brief record on the tree trunk. Later, the bark grew over these letters, reproducing them in reverse order and this section of the bark was removed and placed in the Beale Library, Bakersfield, for preservation. The old tree is still standing at the northeast corner of the old parade ground. Across the highway from Lebec is Castaic Lake, a pool of highly alkaline water, which during dry years, dries up, leaving a hollow lined with a choking white dust. According to a local legend, this lake was once the scene of a wholesale massacre. A cook and a boy had been murdered at Fort Tejon and suspicion having fallen upon a local tribe of Indians, the exasperated white men drove the entire village, men, women and children alike, into the lake. Their bodies mummified by the mineral salts in the water, are said to have arisen to the surface at intervals for a long time afterwards. A short distance beyond Lebec the highest point of Tejon Pass is crossed, 4219 feet and a gradual descent begins.

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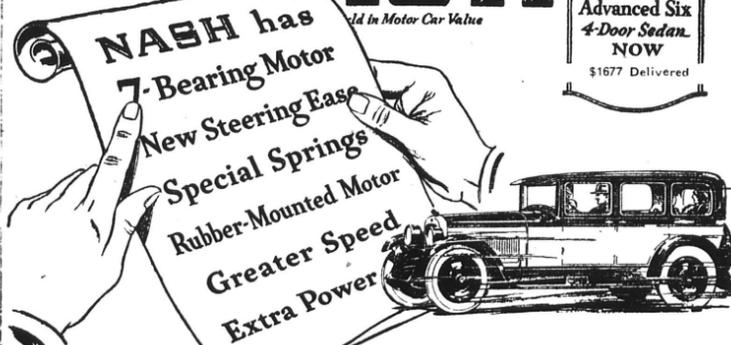
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